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The Honorable Elmer B. Staats  
Comptroller General of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Elmer:

The Director has asked me to reply to your letter of 30 April 1971, which invites comment on the proposed revision of the General Accounting Office Bid Protest Procedures, 4 CFR Part 20.

The proposed changes to the bid protest procedures appear to be an effective means of expediting the resolution of bid protests made to the Comptroller General. We propose to adopt them with one exception. We think it is essential to continue the procedure that any bid protest in connection with an Agency classified contract be filed directly with our contracting officer, who will take the necessary steps to transmit it through security channels to cleared personnel in the General Accounting Office. In the event a bid protest arises on an unclassified procurement, we will adhere to the proposed procedures and inform the concerned party accordingly.

I am pleased to note that over the past fifteen years this Agency has been involved in only two bid protest cases before the Comptroller General.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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Executive Director-Comptroller

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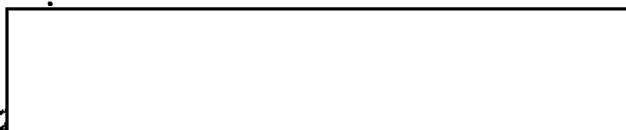
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